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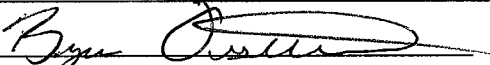
AM 2010-015

Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Town of Frederick and St.Vrain Valley School District RE-1J for a Joint School Resource Officer Program


Agenda Date: Town Board Meeting – February 9, 2010

Attachments: a. Intergovernmental Agreement

Fiscal Note: None noted or provided Fiscal note


Finance Director

Submitted by:


Police Chief

Approved for Presentation:


Town Administrator

AV Use Anticipated

Projector _____ Laptop _____

Certification of Board Approval:

Town Clerk

Date

Summary Statement:

The Town of Frederick and the St.Vrain Valley School District have had an IGA for the services of a police officer at schools within the Town for a number of years. This needs annual renewal and the attached IGA is for the 2009-2010 school year.

Detail of Issue/Request:

School Resource Officers provide for the prevention and control of crime, delinquency, truancy, and disorder that is sometimes associated with school populations. Such officers also provide educational resources in such things as alcohol and substance abuse, law-related education, criminal justice system orientation, delinquency prevention, gang involvement and awareness, and community responsibility. The Town of Frederick and the St Vrain Valley School District are both best served by keeping one

officer assigned to the schools in the town as opposed to having different officers respond as needed. The School Resource Officer establishes rapport with the students, the faculty and parents, thus improving relations across the broader community. Older adolescents and young adults are consistently involved in crime and disorder at higher rates than other age groups. Police officers assigned to the schools, particularly the high schools, are more effective at preventing and suppressing crime and disorder than officers sent in on a case by case basis. The fact that the St Vrain Valley School District recognizes this and is willing to help pay for the costs of keeping an officer at Frederick High School is a good thing.

Legal/Political Considerations:

Not Applicable

Alternatives/Options:

Alternatively, the Board may choose to discontinue participation in this IGA in which case the financial support from the District for the School Resource Officer (amounting to \$21,105 for the period from September 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010) will be ended. The department budget might not be able to absorb the loss and therefore would have to reduce staffing by one officer. This would result in a decrease in the ability of the department to handle its mission. The lack of an officer at the high school would have a detrimental effect on crime and disorder involving the student population. Other police resources would be diverted to the schools to handle the work previously done by the School Resource Officer.

Financial Considerations:

Not Applicable

Staff Recommendation:

It is recommended that the IGA with St Vrain Valley Schools for the maintenance of a School Resource Officer be approved.